

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/23/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32-39.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 32-39 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, neither anticipates nor renders obvious the following limitations as claimed:
[Claims 32 and 34]: An image processing apparatus comprising "... **wherein when capturing an image**, said image processing apparatus rotates the second image in a first direction according to a position of said image capture unit, superimposes the rotated second image on the first image, and displays the first image, on which the rotated second image is superimposed, on said display unit, and, at the same time, **rotates the first image in a direction opposite to the first direction, superimposes the third image without rotation on the rotated first image, and outputs the rotated first image, on which the third image is superimposed without rotation, from said outputting unit**" in combination with other claimed elements.
[Claims 36, 38]: These are method claims corresponding to apparatus claims 32 and 34 respectively.

Prior art

The following prior art shows the current state of the art to this patent application:

1. i. Masimo et al. (US Patent # 5,189,404) teaches rotating the functional message data (text, first image data) in an opposite direction corresponding to the direction of third image without rotating the third (image) data (col. 2 lines 6-50, col. 3 lines 29-51, figures 2C-2F) in order to view the text clearly in an uprightly fashion. Therefore the text will move in an anticlockwise or clockwise direction depending if the screen is moved in a clockwise or anticlockwise direction. Thus Masimo fails to teach **wherein when capturing an image**, said

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image processing apparatus rotates the second image in a first direction according to a position of said image capture unit, superimposes the rotated second image on the first image, and displays the first image, on which the rotated second image is superimposed, on said display unit, **and, at the same time, rotates the first image in a direction opposite to the first direction, superimposes the third image without rotation on the rotated first image, and outputs the rotated first image, on which the third image is superimposed without rotation, from said outputting unit**

ii. Anderson et al. (US Patent # 6,262,769), teaches an image capture unit (figure 3), and a display unit (LCD 402) adapted to display the first image (image data) (col. 4, lines 8-11). Anderson teaches that a second image (text) is displayed on the LCD screen (col. 7, lines 52-55, col. 8, lines 16-36). Anderson teaches the determination of the camera orientation, and that the second image (text) may be rotated as well as the first image (image data) in a first direction so that the user can view the first and second images (image and text) in the same orientation (col. 7, lines 63-64, col. 8, lines 39- 42). Therefore Anderson teaches wherein when capturing an image, said image processing apparatus rotates the second image in a first direction according to a position of said image capture unit, superimposes the rotated second image on the first image, and displays the first image, on which the rotated second image is superimposed.

Therefore Anderson and Masimo both fail to teach **wherein when capturing an image, said image processing apparatus rotates the second image in a first direction according to a position of said image capture unit, superimposes the rotated second image on the first image, and displays the first image, on which the rotated second image is superimposed, on said display unit, and, at the same time, rotates the first image in a direction opposite to the first**

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direction, superimposes the third image without rotation on the rotated first image, and outputs the rotated first image, on which the third image is superimposed without rotation, from said outputting unit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yogesh K. Aggarwal whose telephone number is (571) 272-7360. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00AM-5:30PM.

3. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571)-272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ometz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER